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FUJIMOTO )  
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A METHOD OF INCREASING OF DISK CONTROL )  
CLUSTER )  
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**LETTER**

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Prior to the issuance of the above-referenced allowed application, Applicant respectfully requests that this allowed application be amended as follows: